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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated October 4, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring January 4, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.